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SUBJECT: ECOSOC - U.S. PROPOSAL ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS

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1. EMBASSY ECON OFF MADE DEMARCHE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY ACTION OFFICER, ALLAN WAGNER, AS PER INSTRUCTIONS STATE 179170. ECON OFFICER STRESSED IMPORTANCE WITH WHICH USG VIEWS ISSUE AND OUR CONCERN THAT A GENERAL STUDY OF CORRUPT PRACTICES AS SUBSTITUTE FOR DRAFTING OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT COULD RESULT IN DELAY IN CONCRETE ACTION TO DEAL WITH ILLICIT PAYMENTS.

2. WAGNER GAVE ASSURANCES THAT GOP SHARED BOTH USG DESIRE TO SEE CONCRETE ACTION TAKEN ON THIS ISSUE, AND U.S. VIEW THAT SOME FORM OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IS NECESSARY TO COMBAT CORRUPT PRACTICES. HOWEVER, GOP IS NOT YET CONVINCED THAT "INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT" IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE MEANS OF DEALING WITH ISSUE; PERHAPS COOPERATION CAN BE OBTAINED WITH SOME ARRANGEMENT SHORT OF AN "AGREEMENT." WAGNER INDICATED THAT GOP FELT THAT

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U.S. RESOLUTION, BY GIVING WORKING GROUP MANDATE TO

WORK TOWARD DRAFT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT AND SETTING
WHAT WAGNER DESCRIBED AS A FIXED SCHEDULE TO OBTAIN
THIS RESULT, PREJUDGED THE ISSUE. RATHER, GOP WOULD
PREFER THAT IN ADDITION TO BEING EMPOWERED TO DEVELOP
AN ACTION-ORIENTED PLAN, WORKING GROUP ALSO GIVE SOME
STUDY TO OTHER MODES OF INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT
COULD PROMOTE DESIRED COOPERATION.

3. WAGNER SHOWED ECON OFF PORTION OF POSITION PAPER
PREPARED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY WHICH INSTRUCTS PERUVIAN
DELEGATION TO SUPPORT A WORKING GROUP WITH MANDATE ALONG
LINES DESCRIBED LAST SENTENCE PARA 2. DELEGATION ALSO
INSTRUCTED TO ATTEMPT TO BROADEN SCOPE OF WORKING GROUP
TO INCLUDE CORRUPT PRACTICES BEYOND ILLICIT PAYMENTS.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES GOP'S INSTRUCTIONS ARE FLEX-
IBLE ENOUGH TO GIVE U.S. DELEGATION OPPORTUNITY (A) TO
CONVINCE PERUVIAN DELEGATION TO BACK OFF FROM ATTEMPT TO
BROADEN MANDATE OF WORKING GROUP, AND (B) TO WIN
PERUVIAN SUPPORT FOR U.S. RESOLUTION AS NOW DRAFTED.
INSTRUCTIONS ALSO PROVIDE PERUVIAN DELEGATION WITH SUFFICIENT
FLEXIBILITY TO CO-SPONSOR THIS RESOLUTION (A) IF THE
DELEGATION PERCEIVES THAT MAJORITY OF OTHER DELEGATIONS
SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL, OR (B) IF THE RESOLUTION IS MOD-
IFIED TO GIVE WORKING GROUP MANDATE ALONG LINES DESCRIBED
IN PAR 2 ABOVE.
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